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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I move the advancement of LB 152 to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Erdman. The question is the advancement of LB 152 to E & R. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 152A, Senator, I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you. I move the advancement of LB 152A to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The question is the advancement of LB 152A to E & R. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first bill on General File this morning, LB 329, a bill introduced by Senator Wickersham. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8 of this year, referred to the Revenue Committee, advanced to General File.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Wickersham, you are recognized to open on LB 329.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, members of the body, LB 329 is a bill that does three different things, two of them are closely related, the other deals with a different political subdivision. What the bill does with regard to municipalities, and there are two things that it does with regard to municipalities, is, number one, it places occupation taxes within the municipal budget limitations, places occupation taxes within the municipal budget limitations. And then, to make sure that that does not impinge on municipalities, it allows municipalities to gross-up their prior year's budget in the amount of occupation taxes received and then they get to go forward. Now, why would I be bringing that bill that affects